



# OUTDOORS

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*This is your guide to programs and events held within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a national park based on collaboration and partnership.*

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

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Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Please also be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

**KEEP HYDRATED** Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

**FOOTWEAR** Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

**NEVER HIKE ALONE** The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

**HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE** Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

**POISON OAK** Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

**TICKS** Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES** These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

**EMERGENCIES**  
Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at **661-723-3620**.



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Santa Monica Mountains  
National Recreation Area

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(closed some holidays)  
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#### Sungjin Ahn

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*Spirit of the Mountains*  
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1<sup>st</sup> Place – *Shadows & Highlights* Category

January

**THU 1/2 8:30am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa - Wendy Trailhead*  
**Upper Sycamore Canyon in Point Mugu State Park**  
 Join us on a moderately-paced 10.1-mile, 1000' gain hike past an old windmill, with a possible small stream crossing and stop at Danielson Ranch. Half of the elevation gain is within 1 mile on return route. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 805-419-4094. 5hrs SC

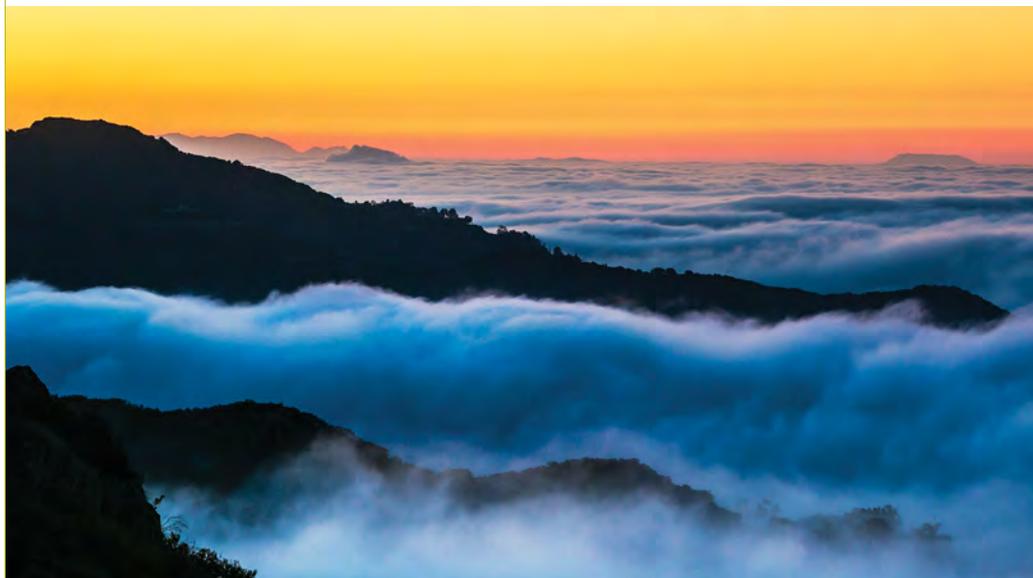
**SAT 1/4 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Repair** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 1/4 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools, instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 1/4 8:45am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Be a Habitat Restorationist for a Day** Plant native trees, shrubs, and grasses to help restore lost habitat for our native animals. Gloves and tools provided; bring water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x202. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 1/4 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

*Spirit of the Mountains*  
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 1<sup>st</sup> Place – *Scenics Category*  
*Before Sunrise at Malibu Hills*  
 – **Sungjin Ahn**



**SAT 1/4 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday** Stroll along a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin surrounded by craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 1/4 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** Franklin Canyon continues to star in movies, TV shows, and commercials. Go on location dating back to the 1930's up to today as you embark on an easy/moderate walk including some stairs. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 1/4 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Inspiration Point Hike** Kick off the New Year with a hike to Inspiration Point. Join a ranger on this moderate 1-mile roundtrip hike. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

**SUN 1/5 8am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Enjoy a leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound; for experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS



California Quail  
*Callipepla californica*  
 by Rebecca Hanson

## Art Exhibit Opening Sunday, January 5 11am–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Come and enjoy the art work of Native American **Lorenzo Baca** as he discusses his career in the arts and his cultural inspirations. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

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**SUN 1/5 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Kids' Hands in Nature** Ages 3-8 years (children must be accompanied by an adult), join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Afterwards create art inspired by all the nature you have seen. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/5 11am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Art Exhibit Opening**  
 See box above.

**SUN 1/5 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 1/5 5pm**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Evening Hike** Stroll beneath the Milky Way, which shines brightly when the night sky isn't flooded with moonlight. Jupiter is in opposition so we'll bring out the telescope for a look following a moderately easy walk. Bring a flashlight and wear good walking shoes. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**TUE 1/7 8:30am**  
*Caballero Canyon*  
**Top of Reseda to Cathedral Rock** Join a moderately-paced 5-mile, 300' gain hike along dirt Mulholland and fire roads through the chaparral. Valley views and glimpse of the Pacific. Meet at trailhead at the top of Reseda Blvd. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC



**Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

**Tuesdays at 10am**  
For groups of 10 or more. Reservations required: 310-456-8432

**Fridays at 10am**  
For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. FEE. Heavy rain cancels. MLMD



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**TUE 1/7 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers** Join an 11.7-mile loop hike that follows the Talepop, Phantom and connecting trails. Meet at De Anza Park entrance. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. 5hrs SC

**FRI 1/10 9:30am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit*  
**Crayfish Trapping** Help remove the non-native, invasive crayfish. Wear sturdy footwear. Registration required: www.mountaintrust.eventbrite.com or 818-591-1701 x212. 2hrs MRT

**SAT 1/11 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 1/11 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Repair** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 1/11 8:45am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Lost Oak Woodland Restoration** Help plant oak trees and acorns to restore the woodlands! Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear; gloves and tools provided. Become a volunteer supervisor; receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x0 or volunteer@treepeople.org 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 1/11 9am**  
*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Stream Restoration** Help restore spawning habitat in Arroyo Sequit for endangered steelhead trout by removing invasive Cape ivy. Meet in parking lot. Reservations required: www.leocarrillo.eventbrite.com/. Info: 310-463-7496. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 1/11 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 1/11 9:30am**  
*R.H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches - El Matador State Beach*  
**Paint-out** View the waves and stunning rock formations on the beach, above at the landing halfway down, or from the bluffs. Any and all artists invited. Directions: 32350 PCH, west of Kanan, past Trancas, look for entrance on the left. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 1/11 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Meet at Visitor Center. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 1/11 3pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash Indians have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/12 8:45am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**A Weed War is Habitat Restoration** Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes; tools, and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Call for site location. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

**SUN 1/12 9am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Lemming Hike** Join a moderate 7-mile, 1000' gain hike on fire roads and trails with lunch stop at Parker Mesa Overlook. Car shuttle. Meet at end of Los Liones Drive. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs SC

**SUN 1/12 10am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/12 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

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**SUN 1/12 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Gardening with Nature** Know what plants need - soil, water, and sunlight - and identify these factors in your landscape. Learn which native plants will thrive in your garden and why. Join local native plant gardener, Kathie, on a tour of the Visitor Center native plant garden. 1.5hrs NPS



**Malibu Lagoon State Beach**

**Adamson House Docent Training**

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House. Group or individual training available. FEE.

Reservations required: 310-456-8432

**Cultural Workshop**

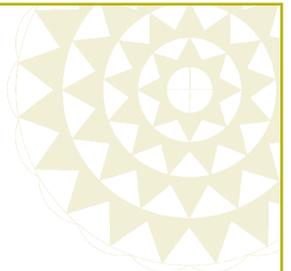
**Sunday, January 19 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center**

Potawatomi /Cherokee artist, **Nadiya Littlewarrior**, will present a workshop on making and decorating gourd necklaces. Materials will be provided. Please be on time. All ages are welcome.

**Info: 805-370-2301**

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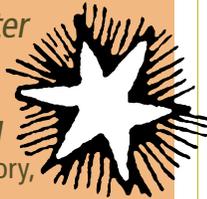
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## Children's Craft Workshop

Monday, January 20  
10:30am - 11:15am

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

Author **Pamela Marx** and  
illustrator **Debra Vodhanel**  
will share their picture book story,  
*A Story of Seven Sisters*  
based on a Tongva legend about how  
the Pleiades constellation came to be.



In this interactive workshop,  
Native American plants and artifacts  
showing Tongva plant uses will be shared.  
Children will be able to make a  
Tongva-themed craft. Ideal for ages 5 - 12.

Book signing follows.

Info: 805-370-2302 or  
samo@wnpa.org



TUE 1/14 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park -  
Tapia Unit

**Backbone Trail Hike** Enjoy a  
moderately-paced 500' gain,  
6.5 mile route from Tapia to  
visit the Rock Pool and Century  
Lake and return. Bring 2 qts  
water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and  
sunscreen. Info: 310-828-6670.  
Rain cancels. 4hrs SC

THU 1/16 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park -  
Reagan Ranch Trailhead

**Thursday Hikers** Join a  
moderately-paced 8-mile, 1000'  
gain hike including Lookout Trail  
with great views, Century Lake,  
and Reagan picnic area. Bring 2  
qts. water, snack, lugsoles, hat,  
and sunscreen. Rain cancels.  
818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

THU 1/16 5pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the  
mountains, meadow, and an  
ocean overlook as the moon  
lights our way. Bring a flashlight  
and meet at upper parking  
lot. Rain cancels. Reservations  
required: 310-317-1364. \$4  
parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

THU 1/16 5:30pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

**Howl at the Moon** Join a  
ranger for a hike during the  
"full wolf moon" to look and  
listen for nightlife, including  
coyotes, owls, and scorpions.  
Bring a flashlight. Rain cancels.  
All ages welcome. Meet in main  
parking lot. 1.5hrs NPS

FRI 1/17 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

**King Gillette Ranch History  
Tour** Join us for a stroll through  
the grounds of the Ranch and  
learn about the history of the  
site. Meet by fountain. Rain  
cancels. 1hr NPS

SAT 1/18 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

**Trail Work** Tools and instruc-  
tions provided. Bring gloves,  
water, and lunch. Reservations  
required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs  
SC

SAT 1/18 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

**Trail Repair** Tools and instruc-  
tions provided. Bring gloves,  
lunch, water, and long-sleeve  
shirt. Sturdy footwear and long  
pants required. Info: www.  
smmtc.org/trailwork/. Reserva-  
tions required: 818-222-4531.  
6hrs SMMTC

SAT 1/18 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

**Rise from the Ashes** Explore  
the effects of fire on a hike to  
Inspiration Point. Discover ways  
plants and animals recover from  
fire. Bring sunscreen and water.  
Meet at fountain. 1hr MRCA/  
NPS

SAT 1/18 11am

Leo Carrillo State Park

**Build a Sand Snowman**  
Join rangers for a day at the  
beach to build "snowmen"  
out of sand. Learn about beach  
ecology and why we enjoy  
warmer temperatures in our  
Mediterranean ecosystem. Bring  
your sand castle building tools.  
1hr NPS/CSP

## Map & Compass with Aid-less Navigation

Saturday, January 25  
9:30am–Noon



Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

Led by outdoor skills instructor **Rob Remedi**,  
this workshop covers the 5 D's of reading a  
topographic map (description, details, direction,  
distance and designation) with compass use for  
finding/following a bearing and skillfully navigating  
the landscape. A special extra: navigating the wilds  
*without* "mechanical" aid. Meet inside the Visitor  
Center. Ages 9 and older.

Reservations required and info: 805-370-2302  
Western National Parks Association

SAT 1/18 2pm

King Gillette Ranch

**Walk into the Chumash  
World** Discover how local  
Chumash Indians have used  
the natural resources of their  
environment for thousands of  
years to create a sustainable  
way of life on this easy 1-mile  
walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 1/19 8am

Malibu Creek State Park  
**Birdwalk** Enjoy watching birds  
in unspoiled habitats. Bring  
binoculars. Beginners welcome!  
Meet in lower parking lot.  
Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art  
818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 1/19 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead  
**Crispy Winter Walk** Awesome  
views as you wend downhill  
among sandstone boulders,  
thick chaparral, woodland-  
edged meadows to the  
step-pools of Cold Creek. Info:  
818-591-9363. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 1/19 10am & 1pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa  
**Cultural Workshop**  
See box on page 9.

SUN 1/19 1pm

Topanga State Park  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to  
all and led by a naturalist-edu-  
cator volunteer. Meet at Trippet  
Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**Tuesday-Saturday, 9am**

**A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

View life as lived at the house in the 1930s, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

**Reservations required:**  
310-317-8379 or  
310-456-8432

**SUN 1/19 1pm**

Franklin Canyon-  
Sooky Goldman Nature Center  
**Native Ways** Walk in the footsteps of the local natives on this easy stroll. Learn how everyday items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, games, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/19 2pm**

Paramount Ranch  
**Movie Magic** Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**MON 1/20 10:30am**

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**A Children's Craft Workshop**  
See box on page 10.

**TUE 1/21 9am**

Topanga State Park -  
Los Liones Trailhead  
**Moderate Hikers** Join a 7-mile, 1500' gain hike on steep trails to panoramic overlook above the Pacific. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. 4hrs SC

**SAT 1/25 8:30am**

Santa Monica Mountains  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 1/25 8:30am**

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**SAT 1/25 8:30am**

Santa Monica Mountains  
**Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required and info: Jerry 818-406-1269. Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 1/25 8:30am**

Santa Monica Mountains  
**La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration** Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to planting sites. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x0. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP



**SAT 1/25 9:30am**

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**Map & Compass with Aid-less Navigation**  
See box on page 11.

**SAT 1/25 10am**

Malibu Creek State Park  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SUN 1/26 8:30am**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Beginners, experts, teens, or adults are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 1/26 8:30am**

Topanga State Park  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Join volunteers to plant and care for native plants. Receive community service credit. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x0. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 1/26 10am**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Enjoy a special walk. Binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 1/26 1pm**

Topanga State Park  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 1/28 9am**

Leo Carrillo State Park  
**Moderate Hikers** Join an 8-mile, 1800' gain hike to Nicholas Flat with views of the islands and sea. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Info: 310-821-4123. Rain cancels. 4hrs SC

**THU 1/30 8:30am**

Topanga State Park  
**Trippet Ranch, Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop Hike** Join a moderately-paced 8-mile, 1200' gain hike. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-222-5581. 4hrs SC



Great Blue Heron  
*Ardea herodias*  
by Lilian Darling Hott

# February



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**SAT 2/1 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Repair** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 2/1 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Lovebirds** As Valentine's Day draws near, we'll see who's pairing up. Bring binoculars and join us on a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. Rain cancels. Meet at flagpole. 2.5hrs NPS

**SAT 2/1 8:45am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Be a Habitat Restorationist for a Day** Plant native trees, shrubs, and grasses to help restore lost habitat for our native animals. Gloves and tools provided; bring water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x202. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 2/1 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: [www.corbamtb.com](http://www.corbamtb.com) or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 2/1 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve -*  
*Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday** Stroll along a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin surrounded by craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 2/1 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** Franklin Canyon continues to star in movies, TV shows, and commercials. Go on location dating back to the 1930s up to today as you embark on an easy/moderate walk including some stairs. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/2 8am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** A leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound; for experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 2/2 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature Trek** Join a moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shady green trails to sun-baked steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/2 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Hunting for Nature's Treasures** What treasures will you find in the canyon? Join us on a hunt full of surprises and fun to find nature's special treats. For ages 3-8 years, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/2 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 2/2 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Groundhog Day Stroll** Take a stroll through the native plant garden and learn about the seasonality of the mountains – just in time for Groundhog Day. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 30 minutes MRCA/NPS

**TUE 2/4 8:30am**  
*Zuma/Trancas Canyons*  
**Newton Canyon on Backbone Trail** Join a moderately-paced 5-mile, 800' gain hike on a scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 3hrs SC

**TUE 2/4 9am**  
*Circle X Ranch -*  
*Mishe Mokwa Trailhead*  
**Moderate Hikers Tri Peaks (3010')** Join a 9-mile loop, 1500' gain hike on Boney Mountain scenic trails past Balanced and Split Rocks and Echo Cliffs. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-905-5558. 5hrs SC

**WED 2/5 10am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Plein Air Art** Everyone (beginner to professional) is welcome to observe artists painting landscapes. Bring your materials and paint with us. Info: Pat 805-583-8044. For membership and info: David 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

## TIQ SLO'W: The Making of a Modern Day Chief

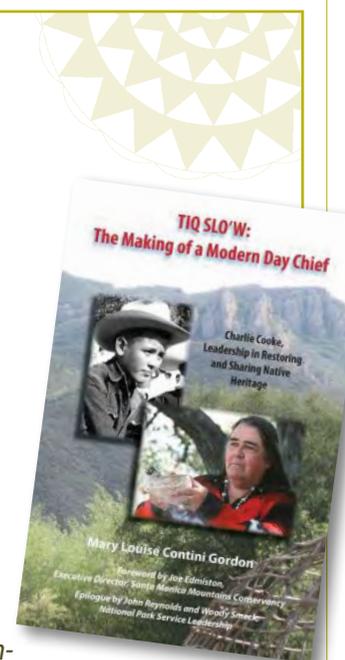
**Sunday, February 2  
 11am–1pm**

Satwiwa Native American  
 Indian Culture Center

Meet author **Mary Louise Contini Gordon** as she discusses her experiences writing the book on the lifelong work of the late **Hereditary Chief of the Southern Band of Chumash, Charlie Cooke**. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



**THU 2/6 8:30am**  
*Caballero Canyon -*  
*Lower Trailhead*  
**Eagle Rock** Join a moderately-paced 8-10 mile hike in northern Topanga State Park. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**FRI 2/7 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**King Gillette Ranch History Tour** Join us for a stroll through the grounds of the Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

**SAT 2/8 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

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**Three Magical Miles**

**Saturday, February 8**

**10am and 2pm**

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Find out how Frankenstein, racing cars, Elvis Presley, and a 1915 post office are all related.

**Brian Rooney** is author of the best selling local history book, "Three Magical Miles." Join him for a dynamic presentation and book signing. 1.5hrs WNPA

**Limited seating. Info: 805-370-2302**

**SAT 2/8 8:45am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Lost Oak Woodland Restoration** Help plant oak trees and acorns to restore the woodlands! Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear; gloves and tools provided. Become a volunteer supervisor; receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x0 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 2/8 9am**  
*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Stream Restoration** Help restore spawning habitat in Arroyo Sequit for endangered steelhead trout by removing invasive Cape ivy. Meet in parking lot. Reservations required: <http://leocarrillo.eventbrite.com/>. Info: 310-463-7496. 3hrs MRT



**Behold! The Sparkling Treasures of the Winter Night Sky!**

**Saturday, February 8 6pm - 9pm**

**Paramount Ranch**

Join astronomers and rangers for a family-friendly astronomy program. Behold a planet over 10 times the diameter of Earth, a partly lit Earth satellite, the brightest night star, and gigantic gas clouds over 1000 light years away! Hot chocolate provided. Bring a flashlight. Rain cancels. **Info: 805-370-2301**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SAT 2/8 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 2/8 9:30am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Paint-out** All artists, new or experienced, are welcome to paint. This park offers secluded trails, green meadows, mountain vistas, and occasional deer sighting. Info: [allied-artists.com](http://allied-artists.com) or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 2/8 10am & 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Three Magical Miles**  
*See box on page 16.*

**SAT 2/8 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Meet at Visitor Center. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 2/8 6pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Behold! The Sparkling Treasures of the Winter Night Sky!**  
*See box on page 16.*

**SUN 2/9 8:45am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**A Weed War is Habitat Restoration** Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes; tools, and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Call for site location. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

**SUN 2/9 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 2/9 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Gardening with Nature** Know what plants need - soil, water, and sunlight - and identify these factors in your landscape. Learn which native plants will thrive in your garden and why. Join local native plant gardener, Kathie, on a tour of the Visitor Center native plant garden. 1.5hrs NPS

**SUN 2/9 2pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



**Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

**Tuesdays at 10am**  
 For groups of 10 or more. Reservations required: 310-456-8432

**Fridays at 10am**  
 For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. FEE. Heavy rain cancels. MLMD



**Chocolate Lily**  
*Fritillaria biflora*  
 blooms from February to April

## Cultural Workshop

Sunday, February 16  
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Join Lakota native, **Kathy Willcuts** to make a “four directions” beaded bracelet. She will discuss the traditions in the art. Materials provided. All ages are welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 2/9 10am

King Gillette Ranch

**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs. MRCA/SMMC

TUE 2/11 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

**De Anza Park to Liberty Canyon** Join a moderately-paced 6-mile, 800’ gain hike. The trail follows Las Virgenes Creek to the Talepop Trail to see an old adobe in Malibu Creek State Park. Meet at De Anza Park. Exit 101 Fwy at Lost Hills Rd., turn south. (Left if coming from the Valley). Proceed 1-mile to parking lot on the right. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-501-1225. 3hrs SC

TUE 2/11 9am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons

**Moderate Hikers Backbone Trail** Join a 10-mile, 2200’ gain hike west from Kanan Dume Road passing Newton Canyon Falls before entering the volcanic Zuma and Trancas Canyons. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-274-7987. 5hrs SC

FRI 2/14 5pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 2/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 2/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

**Trail Repair** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

**Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required and info: Jerry 818-406-1269. Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/15 10am

Santa Monica Mountains

**Inspiration Point Hike** Warm up your hiking boots this winter and shake off those big city blues during this 1-mile hike with a ranger. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

SAT 2/15 11am

Leo Carrillo State Park

**Build a Sand Snowman** Join rangers for a day at the beach to build “snowmen” out of sand. Learn about beach ecology and why we enjoy warmer temperatures in our Mediterranean ecosystem. Bring your sand castle building tools. 1hr NPS/CSP



# Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series



Tuesday, February 18, 7:30pm – Temescal Gateway Park

## 5 Fascinating Facts (You Didn't Know About the Santa Monica Mountains)

**Christy Brigham** Ph.D, with the National Park Service, will share recent findings. Hear why the wrenit won't cross the road, how to recognize our local snakes, how fence lizards help you to not get Lyme disease and why that might change, plus insights into the secrets of our soil. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

photo by Sophia Wong

SAT 2/15 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park

**Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash Indians have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 2/16 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

**Birdwalk** Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 2/16 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -

**Lower Stunt High Trailhead Burgeoning Spring** Awesome views as you wend downhill among sandstone boulders, chaparral, oak woodlands, and grasslands. 2.5hrs. CCD

SUN 2/16 10am & 1pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa

**Cultural Workshop**

See box on page 18.

SUN 2/16 1pm

Topanga State Park

**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 2/16 1pm

Franklin Canyon -

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center Native Ways** Walk in the footsteps of the local natives on this easy stroll. Learn how everyday items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, games, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

Tuesday-Saturday, 9am

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

View life as lived at the house in the 1930s, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required: 310-317-8379 or 310-456-8432

**Wilderness Skills:  
Fire-making, Edibles,  
Shelters, and More**

**Saturday, February 22**  
9:30am–12pm

*Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center*



Learn and practice the Survival 4 Priorities focusing on fire-making, wild edibles, and survival shelters with outdoor skills instructor and naturalist Rob Remedi. We'll also cover pre-outing preparedness, 10 essentials, and the "Do's and Don'ts" of the outdoors. Meet inside Visitor Center. Ages 9 and older.

**Reservations required and info: 805-370-2302**  
Western National Parks Association

**WED 2/19 10am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Plein Air Art** Everyone (beginner to professional) is welcome to observe artists painting landscapes. Bring your materials and paint with us. Info: Pat 805-583-8044. For membership and info: David 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

**THU 2/20 9:30am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park -  
Tapia Unit*

**Crayfish Trapping** Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native, invasive crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Wear sturdy footwear. Registration required: [www.mountainstrust.eventbrite.com](http://www.mountainstrust.eventbrite.com) or 818-591-1701 x212. 2hrs MRT

**SAT 2/22 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 2/22 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Repair** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 2/22 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration** Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to planting sites. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x0 or [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org). 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**TUE 2/22 9:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Wilderness Skills: Fire-making, Edibles, Shelters, and More.** See box on page 20.

**SAT 2/22 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/23 8:30am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Beginners, experts, teens, or adults are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 2/23 8:30am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Join volunteers to plant and care for native plants. Receive community service credit. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x0. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 2/23 10am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Enjoy a special walk. Binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 2/23 10am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SUN 2/23 10am**  
*Circle X Ranch -  
Sandstone Peak Trailhead*  
**Hike to Sandstone Peak** Join a ranger on this strenuous 3-mile roundtrip hike to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains. Learn about the history of the mountains through its geological features. Bring water, a lunch to eat at the top, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes. 3hrs NPS

**SUN 2/23 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 2/25 8:30am**  
*Caballero Canyon -  
Lower Trailhead*  
**Caballero Canyon and Bent Arrow Trail** Join a moderately-paced 5-mile, 900' gain loop hike up a canyon onto old dirt Mulholland. Chaparral and valley views. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

**TUE 2/25 9am**  
*Point Mugu State Park*  
**Conditioned Hikers** Join a strenuous 12-mile, 2000' gain ascent to Mugu Peak and La Jolla picnic area. Return via a coastal ridge. Meet at Chumash trailhead (PCH 22.7 miles west of Malibu Cyn Rd, opposite of the Navy Firing Range orange tower). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-395-8432. 6hrs SC

**MON 2/17 1pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Movie Magic** Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS



**TUE 2/18 8:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Calabasas Peak** Join a moderately-paced 4-mile, 950' gain hike to the top for great Valley views. Rock formations, flowers, and waterfalls after rains. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

**TUE 2/18 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park -  
Backbone Trailhead-  
Malibu Canyon Road*  
**Conditioned Hikers Loop** Join a strenuous 14-mile, 3000' gain loop hike from Piuma Trailhead, up Mesa Peak Motorway to Castro Crest and return to Tapia Park. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Info: 310-395-8432. Rain cancels. 6hrs SC

**TUE 2/18 7:30pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series**  
See box on page 19.



# March



*Questions on a program/event? Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service). Then use the Directory on Page 37 to contact the sponsoring agency or organization.*

**SAT 3/1 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
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## Around the World in 180 Minutes

**Saturday, March 1**  
 9am – 12pm  
 Paramount Ranch

Travel the backlot trails of Paramount Ranch and visit set locations of long ago. See where early Hollywood filmmakers transformed the chaparral hillsides and oak savannahs into Africa, China, Germany and a south seas island. Rain cancels. NPS

**For more Info: 805-370-2301**



**SAT 3/1 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: [www.corbambt.com](http://www.corbambt.com) or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

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**Franklin's Movie Magic** Franklin Canyon continues to star in movies, TV shows, and commercials. Go on location dating back to the 1930s up to today as you embark on an easy/moderate walk including some stairs. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 3/1 10am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Living' in the Sticks** Meet the dusky-footed woodrat on his own turf. Take a 1-mile easy walk of the neighborhood where they build elaborate nests that are both a home and a time capsule. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

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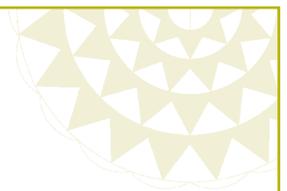
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*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*

Tongva artist, **Julia Bogany**, presents a workshop on how to make tule reed bird dolls and boats. Materials will be provided. All ages welcome.

**Info: 805-370-2301**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**



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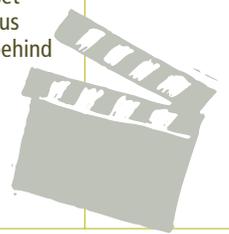
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*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Kids' Hands in Nature** Ages 3-8 years (children must be accompanied by an adult), join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Afterwards create art inspired by all the nature you have seen. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

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**SAT 3/8 9:30am**  
*Point Dume State Preserve*  
**Paint-out** Sweeping ocean panoramic views, beautiful yellow coreopsis, coastal vistas of Santa Monica Bay or Westward and Zuma beaches. For new or experienced artists, working in any media are invited to join us. Info: [allied-artists.com](http://allied-artists.com) or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 3/8 10am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**What's Blooming** Join a ranger to identify early blooming plants. We may see wildflowers that haven't been seen in decades as a result of last year's Springs Fire. 1.5hrs NPS

**Fire Poppy**  
*Papaver californicum*

**SAT 3/8 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Meet at Visitor Center. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 3/9 10am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 3/9 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 3/9 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Gardening with Nature** Know what plants need - soil, water, and sunlight - and identify these factors in your landscape. Learn which native plants will thrive in your garden and why. Join local native plant gardener, Kathie, on a tour of the Visitor Center native plant garden. 1.5hrs NPS

**SUN 3/9 2pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 3/11 8:30am**  
*Solstice Canyon*  
**Canyon Falls Hike** Join a moderately-paced 4-mile, 600' gain hike on Rising Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace and Solstice Canyon Falls, then back along the canyon through oak and walnut groves by the stream. Meet at parking lot kiosk. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

**THU 3/13 8:30am**  
*Solstice Canyon*  
**Thursday Hikers** Join a moderately-paced 7-8 mile, 1600' gain hike on Rising Sun trail to Tropical Terrace, then Sostomo Trail, Deer Valley Loop, and down Solstice Canyon to start. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 3/13 9:30am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit*  
**Crayfish Trapping** Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native, invasive crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Wear sturdy footwear. Registration required: [www.mountainstrust.org](http://www.mountainstrust.org) or 818-591-1701 x212. 2hrs MRT

**FRI 3/14 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**King Gillette Ranch History Tour** Join us for a stroll through the grounds of the Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

**Cultural Workshop**

**Sunday, March 16**  
**10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*



Kumeyaay ethnobotanist, **Richard Bugbee**, presents a garden walk on Native uses of plants.

Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines**

**Saturday, March 15**  
**Sunday, March 16**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
8am-5pm\*

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

**Pre-registration & appointment required:**  
[www.mountainstrust.org](http://www.mountainstrust.org)  
818-591-1701 x2.

\*30 minute program per dog

**SAT 3/15 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work* Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 3/15 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Trail Repair* Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC



**SAT 3/15 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required and info: Jerry 818-406-1269. Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 3/15 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Inspiration Point Hike** Warm up your hiking boots this winter and shake off those big city blues during this 1-mile hike with a ranger. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

**Go for the Green!**  
**Sustainable Sunday**

Santa Monica Mountains  
 Interagency Visitor Center

**March 16, 2014**

**1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Get your green on and find out what makes the Visitor Center LEED Platinum certified - and one of the greenest buildings around. Meet inside the visitor center. NPS

**INFO: 805-370-2301**

**SAT 3/15 3pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash Indians have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1 mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMTC

**SUN 3/16 8am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Birdwalk** Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

**SUN 3/16 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**A Weed War is Habitat Restoration** Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes; tools, and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Call for site location. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

**SUN 3/16 9:30am**

*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Springing into the Heart of the Stunt High Trail** Awesome views as you wend downhill among sandstone boulders, chaparral, oak woodlands, and grasslands. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 3/16 10am & 1pm**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa*  
**Cultural Workshop**  
 See box on page 25.

**SUN 3/16 1pm - 3pm**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Go for the Green!**  
 See box below.

**SUN 3/16 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 3/16 1pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Native Ways** Walk in the footsteps of the local natives on this easy stroll. Learn how everyday items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, games, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMTC

**SUN 3/16 6:45pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Full Moon Hike** You just can't beat a warm winter evening for exploring nature by moonlight. Enjoy our moderately strenuous hike with great views. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMTC

**TUE 3/18 7:30pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series**  
 See box on page 27.

**SAT 3/22 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**Culture in the Canyon** at the Chautauqua Series



**Tuesday, March 18, 7:30pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*

**Our California Poppy**

Join California State Park Interpreter **Jean Rhyme** as she gives you the latest flower forecast. She will also talk about the prehistoric and humorous historic uses of our California State Flower. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMTC

photo by Wendy Langhans

**SAT 3/22 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Repair** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 3/22 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration** Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to planting sites. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x0. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 3/22 9am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Horse Tales**  
 See box on page 28.

**SAT 3/22 2pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMTC

**SAT 3/22 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Spring Equinox Hike** Hike up a moderate trail at sunset, while identifying plants. Stop at viewpoint overlook to discuss seasonal changes, identify planets and constellations. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMTC

**SUN 3/23 8:30am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Beginners, experts, teens, or adults are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**Tuesday-Saturday, 9am**

**A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

View life as lived at the house in the 1930s, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon.  
 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

**Reservations required:**  
 310-317-8379 or  
 310-456-8432

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# Horse Tales

March 22, 2014

Saturday, 9am-11am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Bring the family for a tour of historic Rancho Sierra Vista. View ranch buildings and restored carriages. Take a 1.5 mile hike.

Meet the rangers and volunteers who patrol on horseback. Enjoy a short horse demo in the ranch arena.

Meet in main parking lot.

**INFORMATION:**  
805-370-2301



**SUN 3/23 8:30am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Join volunteers to plant and care for native plants. Receive community service credit. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x0 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 3/23 10am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Enjoy a special walk. Binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 3/23 10am**

*Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead*  
**Fire-Following Wildflower Walk** Encounter the early blooming shrubs and fire-following wildflowers on this leisurely-paced walk. Bring water; wear sturdy shoes. Info: 818-782-9346. 4hrs CNPS

**SUN 3/23 11am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Allied Artist of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore Are Exhibit** See box on page 29.

**SUN 3/23 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 3/25 8:30am**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Mansion to Wildlands** Join a moderately-paced 5-mile, 400' gain hike. Valley and coast live oak savannah, grasslands, coastal sage scrub, and manicured grounds around the mansion. Meet in fee parking lot. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**FRI 3/28 7:15pm**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a 1.5-mile hike with a ranger and discover which animals come out at dusk. If we are lucky, we will spot some scorpions or hear the coyotes howl. Bring a flashlight. 1.5hrs NPS

**SAT 3/29 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 3/29 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Repair** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 3/29 10am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SAT 3/29 10am**

*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Celebrating Migration** Join rangers to search for signs of gray whales. Look also for seals and dolphins. Explore the beach and tide pools. Bring binoculars. Meet at Visitor Center. Parking \$12. Info: 310-457-8185. 2hrs CSP/NPS

**SUN 3/30 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD



## Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore Art Exhibit

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Sunday, March 23, from 11am to 4pm

Enjoy viewing original art by local artists featuring paintings of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Portion of funds donated for environmental and conservation efforts. Sponsored by Allied Artists and National Park Service

Info: 310-339-8396 or www.allied-artists.com

## Cultural Workshop

Sunday, March 30

6:30pm-8:00pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Enjoy the Satwiwa sunset and evening campfire while listening to *Lisa Wahpepah* and *Grey Wolf* as they share their native culture with stories and songs. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



## Regularly Scheduled Activities

<b>Circle X Ranch</b>	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
<b>Cold Creek Preserve</b>	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
<b>Coldwater Canyon Park</b>	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
<b>Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
<b>Leo Carrillo State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Malibu Creek State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
<b>Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House</b>	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 10 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
<b>Paramount Ranch</b>	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
<b>Peter Strauss Ranch</b>	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
<b>Point Mugu State Park</b>	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa</b>	Hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
<b>Rocky Oaks</b>	Hiking, equestrian trails, and picnic area. NPS
<b>Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center</b>	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS/MRCA/CSP
<b>Temescal Gateway Park</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
<b>Topanga State Park</b>	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian, and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
<b>Will Rogers State Historic Park</b>	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
<b>UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve</b>	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

## Directions

- Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.  
**Lower Trailhead:** 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.  
**Upper Trailhead:** Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- California State Parks Angeles District Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.  
**Sandstone Peak Trailhead:** 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.  
**Mishe Mokwa Trailhead:** 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.  
**Lower Stunt High Trailhead:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.  
**Preserve's Lower Gate:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation.  
**Preserve's Upper Gate:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.  
**Top of Stunt Rd:** Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak, and Stunt Rds.
- Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)  
**Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon):** From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

**11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.

**12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.

**13 Leo Carrillo State Park**  
Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.  
**Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.

**14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.

**15 Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.  
**Tapia Unit:** Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.  
**Reagan Ranch:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).  
**Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road:** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

**16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach**  
Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.  
**Adamson House:** 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

**17 Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.

**18 Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.

**19 Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.

**20 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.  
**Ray Miller Trailhead:** 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.

**21 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Matador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**La Piedra State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Pescador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

**22 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.  
**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center:** Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.  
**Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

**23 Red Rock Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

**24 Rocky Oaks** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

**25 Runyon Canyon Park** Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

**26 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch** From Ventura Fwy (101): Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center** See #22.

**27 Solstice Canyon** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center** See #10.

**28 Stunt Ranch Reserve** See #8.

**29 Tapia Park** See #15.

**30 Temescal Gateway Park** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

**31 Topanga State Park** South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

**Dead Horse Trailhead:** From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

**Los Lions Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

**32 Wilacre Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

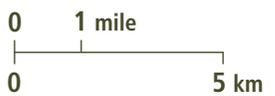
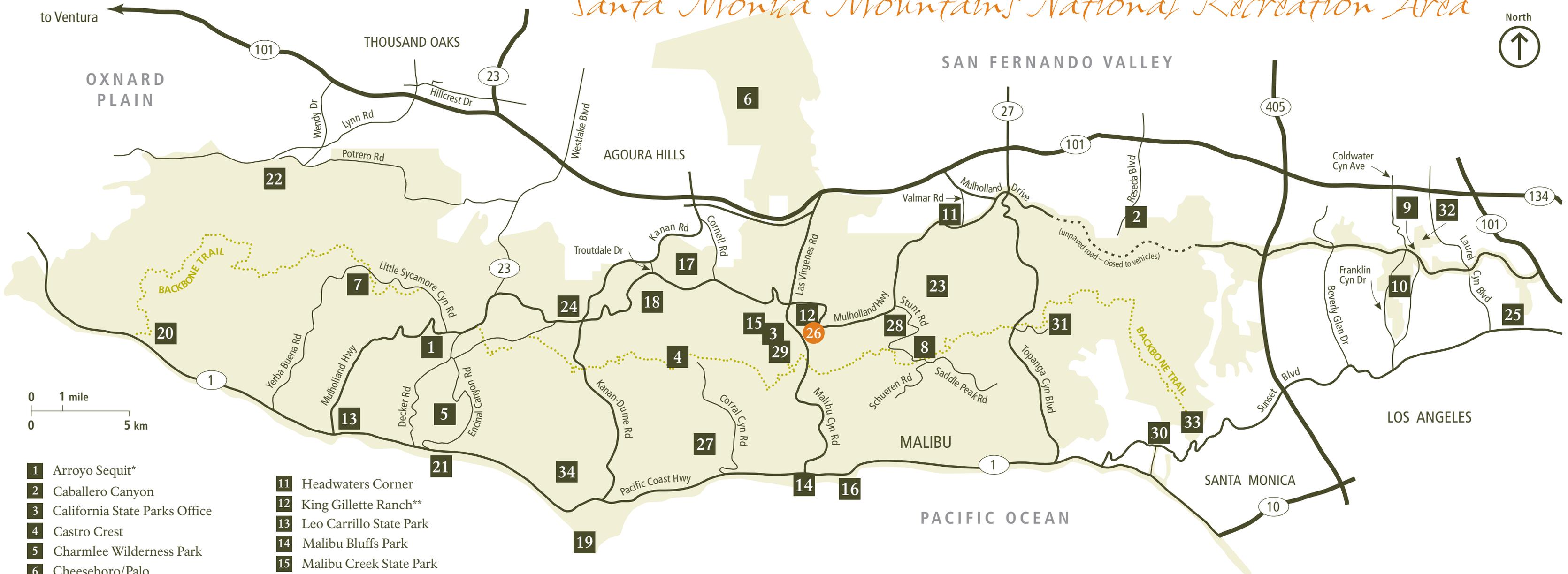
**33 Will Rogers State Historic Park**  
1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

**34 Zuma/Trancas Canyons**  
**Zuma Ridge Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.  
**Zuma Canyon Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.  
**Newton Canyon Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



*Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.*

# Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area



- 1** Arroyo Sequit\*
- 2** Caballero Canyon
- 3** California State Parks Office
- 4** Castro Crest
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<b>TCA</b>	310-459-5931	<b>Temescal Canyon Association</b> ( <a href="http://www.temcanyon.org">www.temcanyon.org</a> )
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